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SUBJECT: REPROGRAMMING OF E/C POSITIONS

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1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY ALGIERS COULD EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER, POST NOT ABLE TO SUPPORT ADMINISTRATIVELY ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND THEREFORE DOES NOT REQUEST ANOTHER OFFICER. ALGIERS HAS NO E/C POSITION TO SPARE.

2. DECEMBER 1974 INSPECTORS' MEMO ON ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT COMMENTED THAT "THE TWO OFFICERS IN THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION ARE ... FULLY OCCUPIED IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND CANNOT DEVOTE SUFFICIENT TIME TO TNVESTIGATING, ANALYZING, AND REPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.... AN ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC OFFICER SHOULD

BE ASSIGNED TO THE MISSION. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, ALGIERS HAS AN OUTSTANDING (AND STILL VALID) REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL FSL POSITION FOR THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION". THE INSPECTORS' MEMO ON ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS COMMENTED "EMBASSY ALGIERS BADLY NEEDS ONE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN POSITION AT THE O-5 LEVEL TO EMABLE IT TO RESUME ADEQUATE ECONOMIC REPORTING. ALGIERS COULD ALSO MAKE GOOD USE OF AN ADDITIONAL FSL COMMERCIAL POSITION
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IT HAS ALREADY REQUESTED. THESE ADDITIONAL

POSITIONS ARE JUSTIFIED BY ALARGE AMOUNT OF
BUSINESS BEING DONE BY U.S. FIRMS IN ALGERIA
AND THEIR NEED FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN COPING
WITH GOA BUREAUCRACY".

3. IN PARTIAL REACTION TO THESE RECOMMENDATIONS
NEW POSITION WAS ESTABLISHED IN EMBASSY IN SUMMER
OF 1975; IT WAS ENVISAGED OFFICER WOULD DIVIDE HIS
TIME EQUALLY BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND CONSULAR
RESPONSIBILITIES. AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, HOWEVER,
EMBASSY DISCOVERED THAT GROWING CONSULAR LOAD MADE IT
IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DEVOTE 50 PERCENT OF HIS TIME TO
COMMERCIAL MATTERS; AT MOST OFFICER HAS BEEN ABLE TO
DEVOTE 20 PER CENT OF HIS TIME TO THEM.

4. FSL LOCAL REQUESTED BY EMBASSY (AND SUPPORTED BY
INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATION) HAS BEEN HIRED AND IS NOW
WORKING.

5. ORAN HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE POST,
WITH ONE SPOUSE SERVING AS PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND OTHER
SPOUSE SERVING AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. EMBASSY
HAS PROPOSTED THAT BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE BE OFFICERS TO
MEET GROWING CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL/ECONOMIC WORKLOAD.
DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED AND IS IN PROCESS OF ASSIGNING
SUCH A COUPLE TO ORAN. PARKER

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